GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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POWERS TO ZILA BLOCK PARISHADS
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rights and duties given to the members of Zila and Block Panchayat Parishads after implementation of Panchayati Raj system; and

(b) the role of Members of Parliament in the Panchayat Parishad?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) Article 243G of the Constitution has empowered the State legislatures for devolution of powers upon PRIs.States have devolved powers upon Panchayats in varying degrees, which differs from State to State.

(b) Article 243C(3)(c) empowers the State Legislatures to provide for representation of Members of Parliament in District Panchayats and Intermediate Panchayats.